Exhibition of assistive devices for Handicapped persons

5033. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to organise an exhibition of assistive devices for the handicapped persons at New Delhi on 22-23 May, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof with objective;

(c) whether these appliances and aids will be made available to all handicapped persons of the country; if so, the eligibilities and formalities fixed for them to avail of this facility; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

The Ministry of Welfare has been providing aids and appliances to the handicapped persons under the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances since 1981. Though at present there is no proposal to cover all handicapped persons under the scheme, efforts are being made to cover maximum number of them. Any Indian citizen of any age and sex, who is certified to be disabled by Registered Medical Prantitioner and whose monthly income parent's/guardian's monthly income does not exceed Rs. 2,500/- and who have not received any assistance from local bodies and NGOs during the last two years for the same purpose (in case of children below 12 years, within one year) is eligible to get aid/appliance costing from Rs. 25/- to Rs. 3,600/- under the scheme.

The disabled person, who intends to get aid/appliance shall approach the implementing NGO, who is getting grant-in-aid from the Ministry under ADIP Scheme and furnish an undertaking that he/she has not obtained such aid/appliance from any other agency/source during last two years. He has to produce a certificate from the competent authority regarding his monthly income. A handicapped person who's monthly income is upto Rs. 1200/- per month will get aid/appliance free of cost and at 50 per cent of cost, if his income is between Rs.1201-2500 per month.

Amount allocated under social security and Welfare

5034. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated under 'Social Security and Welfare' for 1995-96 as compared to 1994-95;

(b) the details thereof including provisions made for welfare of handicapped, child education and work for prohibition and drug abuse prevention (State-wise) during 1995-96;

(c) the amount spent (Scheme-wise) during 1994-95 and till date (State-wise); and

(d) the amount given by World Bank under ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services etc.) during the last two years (Year-wise) and the amount spent till date, if not, spent under ICDS, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) A statement is attached as Annexure (See Appendix 173 annexure No. 104)